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TO SY/EX ST MARS FROM KNAUF

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: VEA TRANSFER TO RTC ADDIS

REF: STATE 219940

1. OIC VEA PRESENTLY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, HONG KONG AND OTHER SCHEDULED WORK LOADS IN EAST ASIAN AREA, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS IN JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR, TAIPEI, TOKYO AND SEOUL. ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR RTC HONG KONG WITH PRESENT STAFF TO MEET EXTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS. LOSS OF VEA SERVICES OR OTHER OFFICERS FROM RTC DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WOULD LEAVE SERIOUS GAP IN ABILITY TO RESPOND.

2. REQUEST VEA REMAIN IN HONG KONG UNTIL FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 1976. JANUARY 1976 DEPARTURE WOULD PROVIDE SUITABLE SCHOOL CHANGE FOR VEA CHILDREN. NOVEMBER 3 DEPARTURE ALSO SUITABLE SCHOOL CHANGE PERIOD. VEA AMENABLE TO EITHER NOVEMBER OR JANUARY CHANGE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO ADDIS ASSIGNMENT. SY MUST ASSESS THE NEEDS OF EA IN BALANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR VEA PRESENCE IN AFRICA. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN CABLE SO VEA CAN ACCOMMODATE TO FINAL DECISION.

3. BANGNAL'S ASSIGNMENT MOST WELCOME. IF VEA IS SENT IMMEDIATELY TO AF, BANGNAL'S ARRIVAL ON SCENE AT
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EARLIEST DATE REQUESTED. IF VEA DEPARTURE POSTPONED

UNTIL JANUARY, OVERLAP WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL FOR
BANGNAL.

4. THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG HAS INITIATED THE
REQUEST TO THE RSS TO RETAIN VEA SERVICES AT THE CONSULATE
GENERAL DURING THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER PERIOD.
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